

# MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS

- **Caused by bacteria obtained from infected persons during coughing**
  - **Increased risk during Hajj and in African meningitis belt**
  - **Increased risk during cooler or dry months (winter and spring)**
- **Symptoms**
  - **Sudden onset of fever, intense headache, nausea, vomiting, stiff neck, and frequently rash**
  - **Severe symptoms and death possible** 
- **Countermeasures**  
**Immunization**
  - **Avoid unnecessary exposure to high-risk populations**

